

## "BOGUS COINS."

Mexican Silver Dollars Now Used for Object Lessons.

## ABSURDITY OF SILVERITE CLAIM

That they are Not Genuine Shown Up by Mr. Hugo Loos, the Cigar Manufacturer. Even if they were Bogus the Lesson would be the Same—A Counterfeiter would Starve to Death Counterfeiting Mexican Money—Why Mr. Loos Wants an Honest Dollar—A Register's Boomerang.

The Popocratic campaign managers have noted with some degree of alarm the effect of the object lesson which is afforded by the exhibition of and offers to trade in Mexican silver dollars, and are resorting to every means in their power to counteract it. One of the latest schemes is to denounce the Mexican dollars used for the purpose stated as bogus, though there is no charge that they do not contain the requisite amount of silver.

The point which it is sought to show by the Mexican dollar is that the purchasing power of the United States dollar is double that of the Mexican dollar, although the latter contains more silver than our dollar contains, the reason being that under our gold standard the American coin is kept at a parity with gold and will buy just as much.

Every man who has travelled in Mexico, or who is at all posted, knows that this is true; he also knows that in Mexico the purchasing power of the United States dollar is 100 cents while that of Mexico is about half that amount.

The free silverites do not attempt to deny this fact, which is known to all the world, but they seek to discredit the argument by claiming that Mexican dollars procured by business men and used in advertising their business are not genuine.

A Case in Point. In this city one dealer in cigars and tobacco, Mr. Hugo Loos, has adopted this advertising scheme and for fear that it may be too impressive, the Popocratic organ of this city published a dispatch, faked from an unnamed free silver organ, to the effect that the Mexican dollars being used are bogus.

Yesterday an intelligence reporter called on Mr. Loos and asked to be allowed to inspect the coins he is using and for information regarding the manner in which he secured them. Mr. Loos cheerfully complied and going to his safe he produced a large quantity of the Mexican dollars which he scattered upon his counter.

"I procured these dollars," said Mr. Loos, "through regular banking channels from the Hanover bank of New York, and am assured that they are genuine standard Mexican money. It may occur to thoughtful people that the banks of the United States do not deal in counterfeit money. I paid for every dollar you see here fifty cents in United States money. I dispose of them at fifty cents in change to every customer who pays me a dollar in our money for fifty cents worth of goods. It is done as an advertisement to attract trade and I can afford to do it. An examination of the money will convince you that it is genuine."

Here Mr. Loos took up several of the coins and called attention to the mint marks on them, showing that they were stamped at different Mexican mints. The dates on them also varied, some of them being as far back as 1885, the newest coin being dated 1896. Some of the older pieces showed pocket wear, evidence that they had been in active circulation, and could not have been "made to order for campaign purposes."

A Common Sense View. "Those who are so ready for political effect" to charge that these coins are minted to order for the Republican committee, should pause and consider," said Mr. Loos. "They ought to give the committee credit for having an ordinary amount of common sense. What profit would there be in it for anybody to counterfeit Mexican dollars and put in the full amount of silver in them? He would have to pay the market price for the silver and his 'bogus coin' when he produced it would bring precisely what he paid for the raw material and he would have all his trouble of doing the stamping for nothing. Even a professional counterfeiter would soon starve to death making money in this way."

"On the other hand," continued Mr. Loos, "I can understand how a counterfeiter could make United States dollars and put in every grain of silver the law requires and soon grow rich. There is but fifty cents worth of silver in our dollar; the counterfeiter could put it all in and then pass it for a hundred cents. I have no doubt this is being done. It is, however, impossible to do it with the Mexican dollar, which only pays for the market value of the silver in it. Now, why should the national Republican committee go to all this expense when it can, through regular banking and brokerage channels, buy two genuine Mexican silver dollars in Mexico for one United States dollar? You see, of course, the absurdity of the counterfeiting story. Even if it were true, the man who is doing the counterfeiting is losing money. The free silver suggestion about the coins being counterfeiters only brings out in a stronger light the point which I make. We do not want in this country a silver dollar based on the silver standard, but on the gold standard, such as the silver dollar we to-day have. If based on the gold standard our dollars would soon be the depreciated coin you see here. On our present gold standard they will buy a hundred cents worth of goods anywhere."

"The statement in the free silver press that these dollars cannot be genuine, because Mexico will not permit her dollars to be shipped out of that country, is the wildest nonsense. If I go to Mexico and buy a thousand dollars' worth of them, who is going to prevent me from bringing my own property home with me? Cannot I go to Europe to-morrow if I want to, with American money in my pocket, or if I am in Germany, can't I bring home German money with me, if I desire? If I were to purchase Mexican dollars in Mexico, they belong to me as much as a Mexican dollar I might buy there would be mine to ship home. Besides, the Mexicans are only too glad to exchange their depreciated money for our good United States gold standard silver dollars."

Reckless People Should be Careful. "Another thing," said Mr. Loos, "I have been in business in this city for more than twenty-five years and I do not think anyone will question my business standing. I have always been for an honest dollar and a chance to earn it by honest toil. I employ here a number of men who earn daily wages. As an employer of labor I do not want to see a money system adopted which would cheat them out of half their wages by giving them money whose purchasing power of which would be reduced one half, when it came to buying the necessities of life. That is why I am so much in earnest in this cause."

As to the Mexican dollar object lesson, I think it is a good one. The cry of 'bogus coin' does not affect it, for everybody knows that with genuine coin I can afford to do what I am doing, for I can go to any Mexican merchant and buy two genuine Mexican dollars for one United States dollar. I am not engaged in the business of circulating counterfeit money, and those partisans who sneeringly remark that I am should be careful what they say. It is a serious insinuation to make against a reputable citizen and one which no reputable citizen will make against another."

SECOND day of J. N. Collins & Co. Assignee Sale at THE LEADER, 1020, 1022, 1024 Main Street.

## THE STATE CONVENTION

Of the Sound Money Democrats to be Held at the Opera House Saturday—Hon. Bourke Cockran May be Here.

The sound money Democratic convention will meet in this city next Saturday, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national Democratic convention to be held at Indianapolis next month, and to nominate electors for the state ticket. The committee of arrangements has rented the Opera House for the convention and is arranging all the details in connection with the affair.

The convention will convene at 10 o'clock in the morning, and letters have been received showing that every county in the state will be represented by the full delegation. A brass band will be engaged, if one can be found that has not been previously engaged for the labor day parade.

An effort has been made to have a speaker of national repute to be present, and deliver an out-door address, and in all probability Hon. Bourke Cockran, of New York, will accept the invitation, and be the bright particular star of the convention. He is to let the committee know by to-morrow whether he will be able to arrange matters to come or not.

The sound money association, which was organized at the McAure house the other night, is in a flourishing condition and many new names have been added to the roll in the past few days. President Henry M. Russell has appointed the executive committee, which consists of the following members: Messrs. Allen Brock, Roy B. Naylor, William Caldwell, Charles Lamb, Sam Hugh Brockner and Caldwell Moise. Mr. Russell is the ex-officio member of the committee.

The association will meet again the latter part of this week to arrange for the state convention and to transact other important business. The executive committee will meet to-morrow night.

## SIXTH WARD REPUBLICANS

Organize—An Excellent Start Made and Prospects Encouraging.

The Sixth ward Republicans met last evening at the Knights of Pythias castle hall and organized for the campaign. There was an excellent turnout at the meeting, nearly one hundred expressing their intention of becoming identified with the club, among the number being fifteen former staunch Democrats. The election of officers resulted in the following gentlemen being chosen: President, Charles F. Klosev; first vice president, M. Grogan; second vice president, John Hess; secretary, O. E. Reed; treasurer, Henry Kern.

A finance committee of six members was appointed. The officers were instructed to formulate a constitution and by-laws and report at the next meeting. The club was addressed by Bentley Jones and others, who stirred up a great deal of enthusiasm. The club expects to procure uniforms so as to have a marching section of at least seventy-five men. They will endeavor to be ready in time to take part in the Thursday parade. The club meets every Monday evening at their headquarters in the Knights of Pythias castle.

The Sixth ward drum corps is requested to meet at the headquarters, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

## HE IS HERE

The Popocratic Curbstone Orator was in Wheeling Yesterday.

That portion of the Popocratic campaign equipment known as the paid curbstone orator, who goes from town to town and starts up an argument on the principal streets, in which he airs high and lofty silver views to a gaping multitude, had made his appearance in Wheeling, and Sunday and yesterday he was conspicuous along Market street. Like in Parkersburg he claimed to be a drummer, but as the scheme had been "given away" through the press, his talk amounted to very little. Yesterday the "orator" in question went to the postoffice after mail and after opening an official looking letter threw the envelope away. It was picked up by a bystander and was found to bear the postmark of Washington, D. C., and the stamp of the national Popocratic headquarters. The name on the envelope did not correspond with that registered by him at the Hotel Windsor, either.

## Elkins Cadets.

The Elkins Cadets held a very enthusiastic meeting last night at Odd Fellows' hall, followed by drill on Eoff street. The bugle corps was present with their bugles and enlivened the proceedings with their music. Julie Henne, Dr. L. N. Becker, John K. List, William T. Eoff, and others were appointed on the finance committee, and Roff Teasdale was elected color sergeant. Several new names were added to the list. Thomas O'Brien, Jr. made a brief speech. The club will meet for drill this evening, on Eoff street, in front of the Cathedral, at 7:30 p. m. All members should be present.

## DEATH OF M. J. BECKER

The Chief Engineer of the Pan-Handle Railroad Dies at Mackinac.

The many friends of Chief Engineer Becker, of the Pan Handle railroad system, will be grieved to learn of his death at Mackinac, Mich., Sunday afternoon. It was he who surveyed and was deeply interested in promoting the construction of the P. & K. road. The Steubenville Gazette of last evening says: Mr. Becker was about seventy years of age. He came to Steubenville with the opening of the old Steubenville & Indiana railroad and had his headquarters here until about 1870, when his office was moved to Pittsburgh. For a short interval he was chief engineer of the Cleveland & Marietta road. He was a surveyor of more than ordinary ability, a man of strict integrity and a genial, kind hearted gentleman. About a year ago failing health compelled him to give up most of his arduous duties, and he was appointed real estate agent and consulting engineer of the road. Since then he has spent most of the time seeking to regain his health, but in vain. His death will be regretted by a host of friends. His wife survives him.

## LABOR DAY

Order of Formation of the Procession and Route of the Parade.

Chief Marshal M. F. Tighe and his assistants have arranged the formation of the parade for Labor Day as follows: First division—On Chapline street, south of Sixteenth, right reading on Sixteenth.

Second division—On Sixteenth, east of Chapline, right on Chapline.

Third division—On Fifteenth street, east of Chapline, right on Chapline.

Fourth division—On Fourteenth street, east of Chapline, right on Chapline.

The chief, assistant and division marshals are as follows:

Chief marshal, M. F. Tighe; chief of staff, Richard Robinson; aids, William Winder, Jerry Mead, Gabriel Jackson, Edward Costello, W. J. Bodley and Fred Williams.

The division marshals are: First division, William La Touche; second division, George Loh; third, G. W. Clifton; fourth, Thomas Driscoll; fifth, William Flading.

The route which will be traversed by the procession was selected yesterday. It is: Up Chapline to Twelfth; to Main, down Main to Twenty-seventh, to Chapline, down Chapline to Thirty-third, to Eoff, north on Eoff to Twenty-seventh, down Twenty-seventh to Chapline, to Twenty-second, to Market, to Tenth, to Main, down Main to steel bridge and thence to the fair grounds, where the outing and other labor day attractions will be held.

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## COMING OUR WAY.

Observations of a Traveling Man in the West and South.

## HE VISITED FOURTEEN STATES.

And Says the Free Silver Craze is Dying Out, and that the Tide is Setting Toward McKinley—Democrats in the South Will Not Only Repudiate Bryan, but Will Vote the Republican Ticket—Nearly All Traveling Salesmen and Railroad Employees are for Sound Money—Politics Over the River—General Gossip.

Mr. M. Sheets, the well known traveling salesman, of Martin's Ferry, who represents The Thomas Evans' Glass Company, of Pittsburgh and Marion, Ind., has returned from a two months' trip through fourteen different states in the northwest, west and south, and reports that McKinley's chances are daily growing brighter. In an interview with an intelligence reporter, he disclosed some very interesting facts.

He has been in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Kentucky, and while he had a much better trip than many salesmen, he reports an increasing lack of confidence on account of the silver craze. This craze, he says, is dying out. Much less free silver talk is heard than two weeks ago, excepting in Michigan and Kansas. These two states the Republicans expect to carry. Mr. Sheets says that nine-tenths of the business men of the United States are for sound money, both Democrats and Republicans. Many Democrats told him they could not stand Bryan and free silver and they proposed to vote for McKinley. This is true in New Orleans, in Mississippi and elsewhere. Democrats who will not support McKinley will not vote for the national ticket.

In one store where eight and ten men worked, all Democrats, the entire force will repudiate the Chicago ticket. Some of these Democrats have never voted for a Republican and they are enthusiastic for McKinley. Nine-tenths of the traveling men of the United States are for honest money, and the same is said of the railroad conductors, and other railroad men are strongly in favor of a 100-cent dollar.

Mr. Sheets says that many traveling men and railroad conductors who are Democrats will not vote for Bryan. Traveling men nearly all agree on the money question.

One free silver Republican whom Mr. Sheets talked with in Michigan said he could not support Bryan.

Republican banners and portraits are more numerous throughout the states visited than the Democratic ones, this being noticeable even in New Orleans. Very few lumber camps will be opened in Michigan and Wisconsin this fall because of the business depression.

Wheeling, Bellaire, Martin's Ferry and the rural districts are invited to be present at the meeting in Bridgeport on next Thursday evening on Bank street, where the Hon. C. L. Weems, a brilliant and able defender of sound money, protection and reciprocity, will speak on these issues.

The Bridgeport Republican club held a large and enthusiastic meeting on last Saturday evening. The books for signatures will be out and in circulation to-day. Never before have the Republicans been so stirred up to more active endeavor.

Reports from Belmont county, Ohio, are encouraging in relation to the political sentiment being strongly in favor of honest money and protection. A careful study of the situation, an intelligent comparison of existing conditions with those prior to the advent of Democracy four years ago, are bearing good fruit in favor of McKinley.

Mr. A. T. Stewart, president of the McKinley and Hobart club of Bellaire, over a thousand strong, has returned from a week's vacation and is active in preparation for the meeting next Friday night. The executive committee met last night and formulated some plans so that marching clubs can be formed among the young men.

Every Republican in Martin's Ferry who is interested in organizing a marching club should meet at the Republican headquarters this evening at 7:30.

Rev. Dr. J. T. Scott has spent more than thirty years in India as a missionary. He formerly lived in eastern Ohio. He is now home at St. Clairsville, on a vacation, and the other day he was interviewed on the subject of finances in India.

India being a free silver country, what he said will be worth reading. He said that he can never afford Rice and pulse three times a day, if he is fortunate, or only once or twice in many cases, constitute his sole diet. He wears the best possible of the cheapest possible clothing, scantiest fare, for he can afford no better.

## River News.

The Jewel got out on time yesterday for Charleston.

The Ruth is heading for Gallipolis, where she will tie up.

The Keystone State left for Marietta yesterday, where she will go to the bank.

The Liberty, Captain John K. Booth, will be to-day's packet for Parkersburg.

The steamer Argonaut will leave this port Wednesday for Marietta and way points.

The Victor leaves to-day at 11 a. m. for Matamoras. The Andra Hatcher leaves to-morrow at the same hour for the same point.

The river is still dropping, and business at the levee is very dull. The marks at the landing last evening indicated three feet five inches and falling.

## River Telegrams.

WARREN—River 4 of a foot. Clear and pleasant.

OHIO CITY—River 10 inches and falling. Clear and pleasant.

MORGANTOWN—River 6 feet 8 inches. Clear and pleasant.

GREENSBORO—River 6 feet 9 inches and stationary. Rainfall .100 inch. Fair and pleasant.

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## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Will be Held at the Y. M. C. A. Four Days of Next Week.

The Wheeling teachers' institute will open at the Y. M. C. A. building next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, and it bids fair to be one of the most interesting and instructive meetings of the local educators held for years. Prof. W. H. Anderson, superintendent of the public schools, has the arrangements for the institute in charge and has thus far secured several well known instructors, who will deliver lectures during the meeting.

The institute will last for four days and a very attractive programme has been arranged for each day.

Among those whose services have been secured are, Dr. J. P. Gordy, of Athens, Ohio, who was here last season; Prof. C. H. Gilbert, superintendent of the St. Paul public schools; Prof. Harris, of the state, and Dr. R. W. Doherty, of the West Virginia University faculty. The last named gentleman will lecture during the institute on the "Meaning of geographical names in French and Spanish."

Dr. Doherty is one of the best known and most earnest instructors in West Virginia, and his presence here next week insures a successful session of the teachers' institute.

It is to be hoped that the teachers of the public schools will all attend every meeting during the institute and by their presence encourage those whose efforts have secured such well known speakers. They will have all fair week to themselves before the fall term opens, and should feel that they owe it to the public at large and to themselves, to attend the institute every day.

## ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Mrs. John Rex and children, of Indianapolis, are visiting Mrs. Mary Moffat, on South Market street.

J. E. Trueman, of Bridgeport, will leave on next Saturday to attend the G. A. R. national encampment at St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. A. Petry, of Cleveland, who has been visiting his son-in-law, Mr. John Kohn, on the South Side, will return home to-day.

Miss Flora Welty entertained a number of guests Thursday evening. In honor of her friend, Miss Ida Poulton, of Barnesville, Miss Poulton was also entertained by Miss Maggie Jones and Mrs. Boes.

The wedding invitations for the marriage of Mr. Charles Jones and Miss Ada Dofmyer, which was to have taken place this evening, have been recalled by the parents of Miss Dofmyer, for private reasons.

"Mayor" George W. Connel has returned from a four week's vacation, during which he visited Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Washington and Newark, Ohio. In the latter place he spent a week with his parents.

Major James H. Lancaster, the general secretary of the Schnibach Brewing Company, has returned from a trip to Atlantic City, much improved in health, and with a new set of whiskers on his face. During his outing Major Lancaster was accompanied by his family.

## GRAND EXCURSION

To Parkersburg and Blennerhassett Island, Sunday, August 30, 1896.

Sunday, August 30th, the Ohio River railroad will run an excursion to Parkersburg and Blennerhassett Island. Rate from Wheeling will be \$2.00 for the round trip, which includes steamboat ride to the island and admission to the grounds.

Prof. Joseph Elsie with the largest balloon in the world, 91 feet from mouth to apex and 65 feet in diameter, has been secured at great expense for afternoon ascensions with two parachute decks. Professor Elsie, performing marvelous acrobatic feats, will drop from the clouds in one of them, and from the other will be suspended his team of trained goats hitched to a cage of pigeons—the most thrilling exhibition ever given. You can't afford to miss it.

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